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Serial No. 09/611,717	Filing Date July 6, 2000	Examiner D. Heckentberg Jr.	Group Art Unit 1722
Inventor(s) Kimihiro Kukuchi et al.			
Title of Invention PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER END FACE TREATMENT METHOD AND TREATMENT DEVICE			

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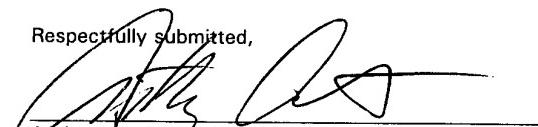
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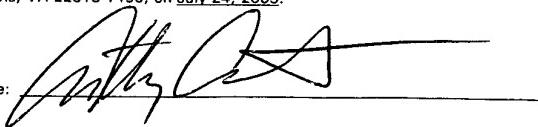
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In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.